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THE LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE

Application for Removal of Hotel License

Application has been made by Henry Nelson for removal of the license to himself of the license granted to the Royal Hotel, Taber, from Lot 4 and 5, in Block 40, to Lot 1, and 2, in Block 9, Plan Taber 1908 L.

If necessary this application will be considered at a meeting of the Board of License Commissioners held at Lethbridge on Monday, May 31st, 1909, at 10 o'clock p.m.

Dated at Edmonton this 20th day of May, 1909.

S. B. WOODS,
Deputy Attorney General.



THE LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE

Application for Transfer of Hotel License

Application has been made by Fred J. Henschel for removal of the license to himself of the license granted to the Palace Hotel Co. of Taber, Limited, in respect to the Palace Hotel, situated on lots 36, 37, and 38, in Block 4, Taber, Alberta.

If necessary this application will be considered at a meeting of the Board of License Commissioners at a meeting to be held at Lethbridge on Monday, May 31st, 1909, at 10 o'clock p.m.

Dated at Edmonton this 20th day of April, 1909.

S. B. WOODS,
Deputy Attorney General.

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No. 21

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REAL ESTATE

Totems to Point the Way

Grotesque Family Trees of Alaska to be Literally Used at Seattle Exposition This Summer

Seattle, Wash., May 18.—A novel and highly interesting feature of the Alaska-Yukon Exposition, will be found in the Alaska totem poles about the entrance, and along the Pay Streak. These totem poles are a product exclusively of the north coast aborigines, and their grotesque and complicated designs are very cleverly wrought from immense logs of cedar and fir.

Among all aboriginal tribes the family and tribal traditions and record descent and possible greatness are matters of no small importance and pride do the members of the clans, and these records are preserved in various ways among different peoples. With the coast Indians of the northwest this form of preservation has been indulged in by means of the totem pole. This family or tribal tree, and it is a tree in every regard, usually set up in the most prominent part of the Indian village, and with its weird carvings of birds or animal forbeers of the natives, is unique in both matter of carving and system of coloring.

At many Alaskan ports these totem poles are planted thickly in some important section of the town, and at Wrangell, Sitka and Ketchikan will be soon bristling groups of totems, whose picturesque outlines have been widely photographed by thousands of tourists and artists. It is only within recent years that bona fide totem poles have been permitted by the various tribes to be removed from their original position, and while small specimens carefully executed have been plentifully sold as curios the genuine article has been jealously and carefully guarded. The first of these to be brought south was the one standing in Pioneer Square, in Seattle. When this totem was brought from Alaska a great deal of displeasure was manifested by the tribe from which it was taken, but this trouble was amicably adjusted.

In gathering the collection of far northern articles for the exposition some fifty of these tribal trees have been permitted to come to the great fair. They will be arranged in rows on each side of the Pay Streak, and their fantastic devices and crude coloring will offer a strange contrast to the more highly developed artistic efforts of the far eastern and southern lands.

1908 Forestry Report

The 1908 report of the Superintendent of Forestry for the Dominion, Mr. R. H. Campbell, lately issued, gives much attention to the Dominion Forest Reserves, situated in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the "railway belt" in British Columbia. The largest of these, the Riding Mountain Reserve, is most fully treated. During the year reported on (1907) the fire protective system on this reserve (along with the Duck Mountain and the Porcupine Reserves) has been organized by the appointment of a chief ranger, who has assistant rangers. The timber survey of this reserve practically completed. The reserve also occupies an important place in regard to the water supply of the country to the east and south. An evidence of this is the granting to the Minnola Power Co., of Minnola, Man., permission to erect a dam on Clear Lake, which is within the reserve, in order to control the waters of the Little Saskatchewan and make them serviceable for the production of power. Another problem engaging the attention of the authorities is the protection of the game in the reserve.

In the case of the Moose Mountain Reserve, in Southern Saskatchewan, the most important problem is that of its protection against fire. Another problem of importance to the reserve is that of its use as a summer resort; the shore of Fish Lake is especially used in this way. The authorities now have under consideration the granting of sites for camping by lease or otherwise.

Opposite the town of Prince Albert, on the north shore of the Saskatchewan River, a tract of land has been recommended to be set aside for a forest reserve. The Irrigation Convention, in session at Calgary in July, 1907, passed a resolution asking that a forest reserve be created on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, for the sake of its beneficial effect on the conservation of the rainfall in that district.

TIMBER REGULATIONS

The report gives in full the amended timber regulations adopted in December, 1907. These provide, in brief, that all timber is to be sold by public auction at the office of the timber agent for the district, after each berth has been surveyed and land has been examined by a competent cruiser. Taking as a basis the sworn report submitted by the cruiser as to the quantity and value of the timber, the Minister of the Interior then fixes an upset price for the berth.

FIRE RANGING.

Forty-seven fire rangers were employed during 1907 in patrolling the forest reserves and forested districts. Of these 21 were in the B.C. Railway Belt; seven on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains (from the International Boundary north to the Saskatchewan River), five in the Edmonton district, seven in the Prince Albert district and two, along the Athabaska River from Athabaska Landing to Lake Athabaska. In the Lesser Slave Lake district and also along the line of the C.N.R. from Greenwood to The Pas rangers were kept.

The report calls attention to the great risk of forest fires along the proposed line of the G.T.P. Railway during its construction. Newspaper reports of wide-spread forest fires during the spring of 1908 had not, however, been officially confirmed.

The need of adequate fire protection for the forests north of the Saskatchewan River, from Hudson Bay to the Rockies, is also pointed out.

Further Developments in Turkey

One Long Scene of Bloodshed and Horror

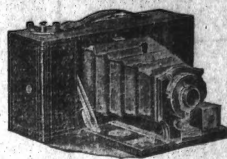
For thirty years Abdul Hamid has made Turkey one long scene of violence and bloodshed and a symbol of horror to the nations of the world. It came to be regarded as certain that if a change ever came it must be through some outside agency, but the outside agencies capable of doing it, the nations of Europe, could never agree on the means by which Turkey should be relieved by the oppression of a cruel tyrant, and nothing was done.

But isolated and repressed as was the country under this ruler, all his restrictions and punishments could not prevent the young men from learning of the struggle for liberty going on among the present generation in other lands and of the success that was waiting upon their efforts. The spirit of freedom was in the air and the Young Turks, caught by it, prepared for the grim struggle that they were resolved should end in victory.

It would seem as if the aim has been realized. The latest dispatches tell that the Sultan has been disposed and his life is threatened by the extremists who see no reason why he should not go to the violent death to which he has sent so many men who merited it less. The cowardice of the real tyrant is showing itself in his pleadings for clemency. He declares that he has never harmed anybody and for thirty years has done nothing but good. His successor will be his brother, Mohammed Reshad who has been a prisoner for twenty-five years by the late Sultan's orders. He says that even in captivity he has tried to keep in touch with the progress of national life and feeling, and has advocated constitutional government for Turkey. He is a firm supporter of the policy of the Young Turk party and sees nothing incompatible with Mohammedanism in the enjoyment of political freedom.

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E. C. Moe,
MANAGER,
Taber Branch

TABER LANDS FOR SALE

In Townships 10 and 11, Range 17, West of 4, very close to the Town of Taber in Southern Alberta:—
South E. 1/4 and North 1/4 of 4; South half, and North E. 1/4 of 5; all 7; West 1/2 of 8; all 12, 13, 17; East 1/2 18; all 19, 20; West half of 26; all 28, 30; East 1/2 of 31; all 33, 34, 35, 36; or any quarter or half section of the above lands in Township 11, R. 17, W. of 4.

I have also the following lands for sale in Township 10, Range 17, West of 4:—North part of Section 12 (113 acres); South W. and North E. quarters of Section 24; all 25; West 1/2 of 26; North 1/2 of 27; South halves of 31, 32 and 33.

Write or wire me for prices of any quarter, half or whole section of the above lands, as I can deliver any of the above quickly.

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sure of a square deal
all around. If you
come here that's what
you'll get, as any num-
ber of people can tell
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are going to buy lum-
ber once in your life-
time, so we treat you
in a manner that will
bring you here when-
ever you need more.

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J. F. GLAYSHER, Local Agent

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. A. Campbell desire
to express their heartfelt thanks for
the many kind expressions of sym-
pathy and condolence of which they
were the recipients during their
recent sad bereavement, and beg to
assure their sincere appreciation of
the same. 14-15

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THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1909.

Answers to Queries

ANXIOUS ENQUIRER.—Will you
kindly inform me as to the num-
ber of rings necessary to get Cen-
tral?

Alas, poorness! You've got us, old
man. We tried nine the other day
and then gave it up. Possibly one,
if it was eighteen carat, might do
the trick. Would suggest you consult-
ing Central personally.

INQUISITIVE.—Is it a fact the town
is run by power from the Canada
West Mine?

My son, my son! who's been
"kidding you?"
*Capital must be printer's error.—Ed.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.—Is there any
truth in the report that the indi-
vidual who, in the small hours of
Monday morning last stepped off
from the wrong side of the train,
saved his life by swimming over to
the sidewalk in front of the Taber
Hotel?

No; he got sagged up in the wire
fence whilst en route. Later, as day
began to break, he made a raft out of
some fragments of George Millar's
old office, and as soon as it was
ready, seeing that Jack Carroll's bar
had opened up, he felt himself im-
pelled in that direction.

NEW ARRIVAL.—I am informed
that coal is so cheap in Taber at
the present time you can almost
get it for the asking. Is that
correct?

From reports to hand coal has been
going even cheaper than that. Some
people have been getting it without
asking.

Amusement Notes

The moving picture show put on
by the Canadian Amusement Co., on
Wednesday evening, was clean, bright
and entertaining. The moving pic-
tures depicting shooting the rapids
in the Ozu River, Japan; Hooligans
of the west, representing typical hap-
penings in the every-day life of the
cow-punchers in the Wild West; the
Witches Cave, full of marvellous
changes and uncanny appearances
and disappearings; laughable in-
cidents in the lives of Weary Willie
and his friends, were all very good.
One or two of the films were a little
fluttery, but taken as a whole the
pictures were fully up to the stan-
dard. The Irish comedian (not a
moving picture, but the real thing)
was really very funny and brought
down the house with his monologue
and songs. The slides illustrating
the songs sung during the evening
were all excellent and added mat-
terially to the interest.

The company is to be congratulated
on its pianiste, the playing of the
various selections rendered during
the evening being certainly out of
the common. Her singing of the
three songs, "Won't You Come Over
to My House," "What is a Home
Without Love" and "The Only
Way" was extremely good, and the
applause each number received was
sufficient guarantee of the audience's
appreciation.

The company is putting on a com-
plete change of programme to-night
and Saturday, and it is hoped the
pleasure-seeking public will give them
the patronage they deserve.

School Board Correspondence.

Principal's Reports for March and April

Taber, 12th Apr., 1909.

Gentlemen,—The attendance at
our schools for the month of March
was as follows:—

Central School, Principal's room:
Number on roll, 38; boys 19, girls
19. Average, 25.65. Percentage of
attendance, 67.50.

Miss Fulton's room: Number on
roll, 48; boys 27, girls 21. Average,
33.97. Percentage of attendance,
70.77.

Miss Marshall's room: Number on
roll, 146; per teacher, 48.66. Aver-
age, 40.08. Percentage of attend-
ance, 66.81.

Total, Central School: Number on
roll, 146; per teacher, 48.66. Aver-
age, 33.97. Percentage of attendance,
68.23.

Miss McLeod's room: Number on
roll, 46; boys 29, girls 17. Average,
32.04. Percentage of attendance,
69.66.

Miss Beall's room: Number on
roll, 27. Average, 16.95. Percent-
age of attendance, 62.77.

Mine School, Miss Munro: Number
on roll, 41; boys 19, girls 22. Aver-
age, 24.93. Percentage of attend-
ance, 67.19.

Total for all schools: Number on
roll, 260. Average, 173.54. Num-
ber per teacher, 43.66. Average at-
tendance per teacher, 28.92. Per-
centage of attendance, 66.70.

You will observe from this report
that the percentage of attendance is
not by any means high—66.70. As
the season is now approaching which
offers so many inducements to the
small boy to play truant, it was de-
cided at the teachers' meeting held
in March to have the teachers fur-
nish the principal with a weekly list
of truants and suspected truants, so
that he will constantly know the
extent of the evil in the schools.

The attendance in Miss McLeod's
room is much too heavy for an up-
graded school. This will need reme-
dying at midsummer. If a number
of fourth class pupils can be pro-
moted into standard five and trans-
ferred to Central School, that will
tend to relieve the pressure.

The number on the roll in the
Mine School during March was
large, but there will be a large de-
preciation in this respect for April.
The low percentage in that school
for March is to be accounted for by
the number of families which moved
away during the month. This was
also a contributory cause in the
other schools.

Taber, May 7th, 1909.

Gentlemen,—The attendance in
our schools for the month of April
was as follows:—

Principal's room: Number on
roll, 27; boys 11, girls 16. Average,
18.66. Percentage of attendance,
69.11.

Miss Beall's room: Number on
roll, 22. Average 12.71. Percent-
age of attendance, 57.77.

Miss Fulton's room: Number on
roll, 42; boys 24, girls 18. Aver-
age, 27.07. Percentage of attend-
ance, 64.65.

Miss Marshall's room: Number on
roll, 61; boys 34, girls 27. Average,
36.90. Percentage of attendance,
62.81.

Total, Central School: Number on
roll, 152. Average, 95.34. Percent-
age of attendance, 62.73.

South Side, Miss McLeod: Num-
ber on roll, 46; boys 30, girls 16.
Average, 32.94. Percentage of at-
tendance, 71.61.

Total, Town: Number on roll,
198. Average, 128.28. Percentage
of attendance, 64.71.

Parents and guardians are ear-
nestly invited to co-operate with the
teachers and trustees in securing a
higher percentage of attendance in
our schools. See to it that the
children attend regularly and are
there on time. Remember the work
of the class to which your child be-

To the Editor of Taber Free Press.

"Sir,—In your paper of the 13th
inst. there occurs an article signed
"local correspondent" of the Taber
Free Press, in which he froths at the
mouth and pours fourth volleys of
abuse and ungentlemanly language
at the local correspondent of the
Calgary Herald, for answering a
telegram asked by them in regard to
the condition of the "fall wheat"
this spring in this district.

After personally interrogating
several farmers who had planted fall
wheat—one of whom had drilled
600 acres—as to the condition of
their fall wheat, was informed by
them that their fall wheat had
proved a failure; also that they
had, as a result of such failure, re-
planted same with spring wheat.

Therefore the correspondent, by
request of the Herald, wired that the
fall planting in the Taber district
was this spring a failure. This is
practically acknowledged by all our
farmers as true.

The scribe for the Free Press says
that "a local correspondent does not
apparently always mean one perfectly
acquainted with the local conditions
or facts." Of course he is exempt.

He further adds: "True we know
of several men who re-seeded this
spring, but they are all willing to
admit that the reason was because
they put in the winter wheat crop
too late last fall for it to develop a
hardy enough stand to pull through
the winter satisfactorily. One man
indeed said that his crop was pretty
fair, but he wasn't going to take any
chances, so he re-seeded." His own
words proved the correctness of the
Herald's report, else why this re-
seeding?

The "squire" would have been
passed by unnoticed by the writer
had it not been for the abuse and un-
gentlemanly language contained in
the article.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENT,
CALGARY HERALD.

Church Services

Knox Church.—Morning Service,
11 a.m.; Bible Class and Sunday
School, 2.30 p.m.; Evening Service,
7.30; Wednesday C.E. Prayer Meet-
ing, 8 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints.—Sunday school at 10 a.m.
every Sunday. Sacrament every
at 2 p.m. Sunday evening ser-
vice at 8 p.m.—Young Ladies'
Mutual Improvement Association,
every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Primary
Association every Saturday at 3 p.m.

St. Theodore Church.—Morning
Prayer, 11 a.m.; Sunday School,
3 p.m.; Evening Prayer, 7.30 p.m.;
Holy Communion, 11 a.m. first Sun-
day in each month and 8.30 a.m. on
third Sunday in the month.

It is unreasonable for parents to
expect their children to pass success-
fully the examinations for promotion
unless they attend regularly. See to
it that their progress is not retarded
by your neglect. An opportunity
lost to-day may be lost forever. We
know not how soon those children
may be deprived of your loving care
and support, and be thrown on their
own resources. Hence the neces-
sity of doing your utmost to equip
them for the stern realities of life.

Here is a good place to begin. Not
only by the knowledge acquired
through the lessons taught will they
be benefited, but habits of punctu-
ality and regularity will be formed
that will be invaluable to them in
after-life. We trust parents will
consider this matter and lend their
best efforts to secure a more regular
attendance in our public schools.

TRUSTEE.

NEWS

News is what we are after, not for
our own edification, but so that we
can pass it on to the general public
through the columns of the Taber
Free Press. The latch-string of our
office-door is out from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
six days a week, and our telephone
number is 35. Take the hint. If
you come into possession of any facts
or information that may be of interest
to your own immediate circle of
acquaintances or to the people of the
town—and district generally, let us
have it. While we use every en-
deavor to gather up all the interest-
ing local news possible, still there is
much we do not get in touch with,
simply because people do not think
it worth while to mention to the
Press man when he comes around.
Take the hint again!

Old folks, is your daughter going
to be married in a few weeks' time
to the best boy she knows? Tell it
to the Free Press and we will pass
the good news on to your friends.

Young man, is the dear little girl
you left behind in the East, or in the
Old Country, coming up pretty soon
to interview the minister with you,
prior to taking charge of the little
home you have worked so hard to
build up in anticipation of her com-
ing? Now, now, there's no need to
be so bashful about it. Give the
Free Press the tip and we'll see to
it that your many friends around town
shall know that the sweetest little
girl in the world is on her way out
here for your sake, and they will re-
joice with you accordingly, and in-
cidentally surprise you with the warm
welcome they will prepare for her.

Mr. Yonghusband, should the
stork, weary-legged, rest upon your
roof-tree, after you've sent that tele-
gram to the old folks, ring up the
Free Press, for we'll like to be the
first to extend congratulations.

Is the good old Dad or the dear old
Mother just come to spend a few
weeks with you? Some of your
friends may not see you for you to
tell them, so let us do it for you.

Has the boy or girl, away at col-
lege, made good in the last examina-
tion? We always knew they would,
so just tell us all about, for the town
must be told the names of those who
are being a credit to it.

Mr. Real-estate Man, have you been
doing good business lately? Put
through so many cases this week?
Eh! Glad to hear it, names and all.
Take the hint, eh?

Mr. Hotel Keeper, things pretty
brisk this week? Average number
registered? More than usual, eh?
Quite a number of new-comers from
the States. Anything of interest in
regard to any of them? We'll be
glad to hear all about it.

Hello, Mr. Homesteader, just got
in! How are things out in your
settlement? Give us the news. How
are the trails after the storm? Any
bad places?

So, young man, you find the tele-
phone service very acceptable? Good.
Glad to hear it. Tell us all about it.

We trust you now understand our
need of individual items of interest,
wherewith to form our weekly column
of local news, so please don't "shy"
when you see the Free Press man
coming around, for he really is not
dangerous, but will be only too happy
to meet an individual able (and will-
ing) to give him an item of news.

Big Races at Granbrook

The Cranbrook Turf Association
have met with better success than
they anticipated in their arrangements
for the Spring races. All entries for
running and harness section have
been filled, and judging from the cor-
respondence from horsemen in Alberta,
the North Western States and British
Columbia, there is every reason to
believe that the meeting on the 25th
of May will be one of the most suc-
cessful meetings ever held in Western
Canada.

WORLD'S News in Brief

The Toronto seismograph, the only
one it is believed in Canada, recorded
Saturday's earthquake.

The German Kaiser is at present
the guest of the King of Italy, says
a Brindisi correspondent.

Mrs. Taft collapsed while aboard
the President's yacht, the Sylph, on
Monday from heat and nervousness.

A Minnesota professor says that
the recent earthquake shock was due
to an upheaval of the Rocky Moun-
tains.

The oldest man in England, Fred-
rickingale of Canewdon, Essex, has
just passed away at the age of 106
years.

In future all imported American
fruits must come under the Canadian
Act standard or be rejected.

James Sharpe, on trial at Kansas
City Monday, says the men he shot
were God's enemies and accordingly
demands fair treatment.

There have been 250 accidents in
Canada during April, the railway
companies leading on the list with
13 killed and 20 wounded.

Five Revolutionists were hanged
in Stamboul on Monday for com-
plicity in the murder of their officers
in the outbreak of April 13th.

Twenty men were killed in a dynamite
explosion at Albany, New York,
as the result of a premature dis-
charge of a percussion cap. The
bodies of the victims were literally
torn into fragments.

On Monday a man whose name
was unknown was killed recently at
Macleod whilst in the act of board-
ing a moving freight train. He was
killed instantly, his head being
severed from his body.

The two-hoo-house on the grounds
of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Ex-
position to open June 1st at Seattle will
cost more than \$15,000 and will be
the headquarters of all black cat
visitors to the fair this summer.

Seven trained monkeys in a cage
attached to the tail end of a circus
parade at Jeffersonville, Ind., were
roasted to death through the thought-
less act of a boy throwing a lighted
match into the cage. The boy was
capel detection.

Railway construction in Canada is
being rushed. Four hundred men
are at work on the U.T.P. between
Pembina and Macleod. It is ex-
pected by September next that grading
will be completed as far as the
Macleod River.

Prince Albert School Board have
taken up the matter of better pen-
manship among the pupils and have
decided that the copybooks used in
the schools of Edinburgh, Scotland,
were the best means to use in turn-
ing out good writers.

The French Government is dis-
missing striking employees in whole-
sale fashion as an object lesson to
those remaining on the staff, but the
strikers are confident of winning out.
The official statistical list gives
the number of strikers as being 934.

A despatch from Manah, Asiatic
Turkey, says that most distressing
accounts are being received of the
atrocities committed by the Turks
towards the Armenians, for the per-
petration of which flimsy excuses are
made. Males are killed outright
while the girls are carried off to be
com the slaves of their torturers.

Births

FLOOD—On Tuesday, May 4th, to
Mr and Mrs J. Flood, a son.
CLARK—On Monday, May 18th, to
Mr and Mrs Jas. Clark, a son.

Marriage

ABAR—BRINACOMB—At Knox
Church, Taber, on the 29th inst.,
by Rev. J. R. Munro, B.D., Henry
Smith Abar of Cranbrook, B.C.,
and Cora Brinacomb of Hanley,
Sask.

Notice to Creditors

the matter of the Reliance Trading Co., Ltd., insolvent.

Notice is hereby given that the above-named insolvent, Reliance Trading Co., Ltd., of Taber, Alberta, carrying on business as a Lumber and Implement business at Taber, Alberta, has made an assignment of its estate to me for the general benefit of its creditors under the Companies' Winding-up Ordinance, 1903.

All persons claiming to be entitled to rank on the estate must file their claims with me on or before the fifteenth day of July, 1909, after which date I will proceed to distribute the assets thereof, having regard to those claims only of which I shall then have had notice.

CHARLES LEONARD, Trustee.

Drawer E,

Taber, Alberta,
April 30th, 1909.

R. A. VanOrman

CONTRACTOR, BUILDER.
All work guaranteed in every way.
Estimates given on all classes of buildings.

BARNWELL

Seed potatoes for sale at \$2.25 per 100lbs. while they last. J. F. Johnson, Barnwell. 14-1t

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1909:

LOCALS

Ice Cream, made from pure cream, 50c. qt. Taber Bakery. 13-4t

Good general servant wanted.—Apply Mrs. W. W. Douglas. 10-4t

We have a buyer for your farm. The Hammer Land Co., Alta. 14-1t

Three-roomed cottage to let south of the track. Key at Westlake's. 8-4t

Victoria Day is a public holiday, enjoyed as such by the Dominion. Make it one.

Two acre lots for sale opposite the Grand Stand. Snap to cash purchaser. Apply Free Press Office. 4-4t

Mr. Pracht, inspector of agencies for the Rogers-Cunningham Lumber Co., spent a few hours in town this week.

Elmo Fraser, representing the North-west Jobbing and Commission Co. of Lethbridge, was in town Wednesday.

Local dealers report a great scarcity of hay, oats and potatoes. Some of them say it is almost impossible for them to get their orders filled.

See D. W. Coulter, field salesman, Atlantic-Pacific Land Syndicate, at Union Hotel, Taber, if interested in buying or selling land, wholesale or retail. 3-4t

Strayed, on township 7, range 16, section 50, one sorrel horse, weight about 750 to 800 lbs.; branded 2c. Left ear split in half. Owner can have same on paying expenses. Joe Garrick, Chin Coulee. 12-3tp

Quite a number of local people noticed the earth-tremor on Saturday evening last. Windows rattled, buildings shook, etc., but so far no reports have come to hand of any damage done. From news received from outside points the earth-wave appears to have been felt all over the country.

Mr. R. P. Wallace has received definite notice of his appointment to the position of Clerk of the Supreme Court of the judicial district of Lethbridge. He will assume his new duties on the first of June. He has purchased Mr. C. V. Bennett's fine residence in Lethbridge and intends moving his family in very shortly.

Ten Lots at a snap in Block 16 on the north-east corner of Probert Ave. and First St. North. These lots must be sold and we are open to offers on one or all of them. These lots are but one minute's walk from the business part of the town. For further particulars apply to Geo. T. McLeod, 411 Union Bank Building, Winnipeg, Man. 13-4t

The Dominion Parliament closed its session yesterday, the 19th.

Guy Leonard made a business trip to Lethbridge on Wednesday last.

Three-roomed House for sale, or will rent after June 1st. Apply to R. Farries, Taber. 11-4tp

Our aim is to please both buyer and seller. Try us. The Hammer Land Co., Taber, Alta. 14-1t

Messrs. Vickery & Co. intend, if at all possible, to be in their new store on Front Street next week.

Don't forget the 24th, Victoria Day. Dig up that flag, or that piece of bunting, and let 'em flap in the breeze.

For sale, one business lot on Main Street near Taber Hotel for \$1,400. Apply Y Chow, P.O. Box 95, Lethbridge. 10-4tp

Arbor Day was not remarkable for the number of trees planted by the residents of Taber. Weather was against out-door operations.

D. Fraser returned from Vancouver Tuesday night. He expects to leave to take up his permanent residence there within a few weeks.

Victoria Day will be a quiet day as far as Taber is concerned. Quite a number of parties have been arranged to take in the Grassy Lake celebration.

FOR SALE.—20 South African Land Grants on one to three years time secured by mortgage on real estate. P. Whimsler, Portage la Prairie, Man. 11-4tp

Assessment notices are now almost completed and after final revision by the Assessment Committee to-day they will probably be out in a few days' time.

WANTED.—A Half Section or more near Taber, on half-crop payments. Owners only apply Imperial Development Company, Ltd., Box 1740, Lethbridge. 47-4t

Last Sunday the pulpit at St. Theodore's Church was occupied at the morning and evening services by Mr. John Birmingham of Vancouver, the organizing secretary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Those intending to decorate either the inside or outside of their dwellings would do well to note the advice contained in the ad. of the Taber Trading Co. on our front page.

Mr. Robert Farries came in from his homestead last week, which is situated about six miles south of Grassy Lake. He is advertising his property in Taber for sale and will sell cheap to a quick purchaser.

Mr. J. J. Walton spent a pleasant half-hour in the Free Press Office on Wednesday morning. He reports his crop of about 110 acres as being in splendid condition. He anticipates having 50 acres more broken in a short time.

A deal of a half section has been put through by the Hammer Land Co. Through them Mr. R. A. VanOrman has purchased the above-mentioned land from Mrs. Ingram of Lethbridge, situated about five miles from the town.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, who have been the guests of their relative, Mr. A. Campbell, for some time, left last week for their home in Colorado. During their stay in town Mr. Wilson bought some lots here, and it is his intention to dispose of his Colorado holdings and return to settle in the Taber district.

Farmers that were in too great a hurry to plow up or re-sow their winter crops in 1907 were sorry for it afterwards. One man we know of started to plow his up and did half a day's plowing, but was called away on urgent business and did not return for a week. When he did return the field was green and the wheat growing well. Another farmer we know left his crop, but in June, being dissatisfied with it, turned his stock into the wheat to eat it off, but in July he took the stock out and then told us he would get 10 bushels per acre. Later he raised his opinion to 15 bushels per acre, but when the crop was harvested, he averaged 25 bushels to the acre or over. Don't be in too great a hurry to plow winter wheat.—Ex.

From the Council Chamber

Owing to the inclement weather there was no meeting of the Council held on Monday. A special meeting was called on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of considering the waterworks question, sale of the town debentures, etc.

A communication from Supt. Maharg of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. was read, in which the writer intimated that the railway company did not see its way clear to entertaining a proposition regarding the supplying of the town with water; inasmuch as Manager Kidd, of the Canada-West Coal Co., had given the railway officials to understand that his company had, when installing their pump-house and water-tank, put in a much larger plant than was necessary for the mine purposes on the strength of a direct understanding with the town that the Canada-West Co. were to supply the water whenever the town was ready to put in a waterworks system.

This phase of the situation was apparently new to many of the councillors. After some discussion it was decided that a deputation from the Council wait on Mr. Kidd on Wednesday morning and thrash the matter out with him.

R. P. Wallace's resignation from the position of town solicitor was received and accepted.

Councillor Beck's curfew by-law, calling for all children under fourteen years of age to be off the streets by 9 p.m. received its first reading.

Three bids were received so far for the town debentures. Amount called for is \$55,000.00 for twenty years at 5%. Bids were as follows: O'Hara, Winnipeg, \$53,251; Hornibrook and Whittenmore, Calgary, \$53,900; E. C. Moo, on behalf of Wood, Gundy and Co., Toronto, \$54,450.

Owing to the changed conditions regarding the waterworks question nothing was done in regard to the bids, they being laid on the table pending developments.

By the Way

Will the high price of flour increase the price of paste diamonds?

People who search for a gas leak with a candle will invariably find it.

Once upon a time a lawyer met a fool and his money; the next day the fool met the lawyer with his money.

DeFlatt: Is it true that you once bribed an officer of the law? Suburb: You can call it a bribe if you want to. I gave a policeman \$2 to induce our cook to stay.

Mr. Easton, of Lethbridge, is in town to-day.

Dr. A. T. Bond of Hamilton, Ont., was in town Thursday on business.

Mr. Rennie, travelling agent for the Frost & Wood Implement Co., is in town to-day in the interests of his company.

Has anybody seen the calf? Last seen at the opera Wednesday evening just before the Canadian Amusement Company's excellent moving picture show began.

Tea will be served at Mrs. Truwell's under the auspices of the Guild of St. Theodore's Church on Thursday the 27th of May from 3 to 5 p.m. Tea and cake, 15c. All are invited. 14-1tp

All those interested in the formation of a local Gun Club are invited to attend a meeting, to be held in the Reliance Trading Co.'s office, Tuesday evening next, 8 o'clock.

Mr. Freeman, of Lethbridge, who has been disposing of a bunch of horses in the Purple Springs and Grassy Lake districts, passed through town to-day. He expects to be here in ten to fifteen days with another bunch for sale.

Literary Society

Friday evening last the Taber Literary Society held its last meeting for this season.

During the evening Mr. Willard read a very instructive paper on "The American Civil War."

Mr. R. P. Wallace, in a review of the Harriette Beecher Stowe's famous book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," dealt very entertainingly with the question of slavery from the negro point of view, while the Rev. J. R. Munro took up the subject from the Southern slave-owners' standpoint, as seen through the medium of Dicken's novel, "The Leopard's Spots." After the reading of the papers, a general discussion ensued on the various points involved.

Towards the close of the evening it was decided to form an Athletic Association under the auspices of the Literary Society, with the object of keeping the members of the Society in touch with one another during the coming summer. Steps were taken in the matter of the formation of a Tennis Club, and other branches of sport will be aided as the season progresses.

Geo. Meredith Dead

London, May 17.—Geo. Meredith died at 3.35 this morning. The news of the great novelist's illness caused deep and widespread regret and it had been generally feared that his last agony—he was past 81, made the chances of his recovery slight. The immediate cause of death was heart failure, following grave symptoms that developed early in the evening.

Mr. Meredith's illness began on May 14th and he steadily declined after that time.

"Army a Sham"—Roberts

Britain Has No Defence, Says Little Bobs—"You Think You Are Safe? You Are Not!"

London, May 19.—"Our army is a sham. We have no army," exclaimed Field Marshal Earl Roberts earnestly, during a debate in the House of Lords to-day upon the debate of Lord Beresford's motion for an inquiry into the condition of the reserve.

Earl Roberts, who is known to favor compulsory military training, declared that he was amazed at the manner in which houses of parliament treated the army question, and at the apathy regarding military defence. The nation, he said, did not believe in the danger of invasion, and no wonder for their leaders told them there was no fear. "He went on:

DANGER COMING NEARER.

"I know perfectly well that the leaders in both houses are anxious about the future, but they do not tell the country that we have neither an army to send abroad nor to defend the country at home. While we are sitting here taking it easily and comfortably the danger is coming nearer and nearer to us daily and unless you cease telling the people they are living in safety and get an army fit to deal with an enemy we shall some day come to such utter grief that you will bitterly regret your inaction."

CONDITION IS UNSAFE.

"It is a perfect marvel to me how anybody can see what is going around and be content with the conditions of our army. No country in the world would attempt to defend itself with the paucity of men and with the untrained men we have got. You will never have a real army until you have taken the nation into your confidence and told them their danger. You may think you are safe, but you are not."

"Be frank and tell the nation what is before them. They will respond." Earl Roberts admonitions were addressed to the government representatives. The lords showed their approval by carrying the Beresford motion against the government by a vote of 73 to 22.

John Deere Plow Co.

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Sulky Plows

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None Better

'Nuff Said

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In fact, all kinds of Printing

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Free Press Office

OUR CHIEF HUMORIST

"SAM SLICK" IS FIRST ON CAN-
ADA'S LIST.

Most Famous Son of Nova Scotia Is
Judge Haliburton, Who Was One
of the Dominion's First Advertisers
In the Old Land—Achieved a High
Position in Nova Scotia Before He
Went to England.

Nova Scotia has produced many
men, famous as soldiers, sailors,
statesmen, and men of letters, but
none of hers has achieved more fame
than the immortal author "Sam
Slick."

It was on a December morning in
the year 1788 that Thomas Chandler
Haliburton was born in the town of
Windsor, Nova Scotia.

His father was the Hon. William
Oakes Haliburton, a descendant of a
distinguished Scotch family bearing
that name, who had married the
daughter of Major Robert Grant, famous
for his gallant acts during the
American Revolution.

Of this union, Thomas
Chandler Haliburton was the only
son.

Little is known of his childhood,
but at an early age he matriculated
into King's College, Windsor—the
oldest university in British
colonies. Here, as in later life, his
career was a brilliant one, and in 1818
he graduated with high honors. Two
years later he was admitted to the
bar, and began the practice of law
in Annapolis Royal.

Not content with the success which
he was at such an early age achieving
as a barrister, and although the
political arena, and in 1826 was
returned to the House of Assembly
as member for the combined counties
of Annapolis and Digby.

Here the future author became one
of the most active and prominent
members, and was soon recognized
not only as a keen debater, but also
as a brilliant orator. Haliburton's
famous speech on the Catholic Emancipation
question, which he strongly
advocated—indeed, his most brilliant
speech was the most splendid piece
of declamation that it has ever been
my fortune to listen for. As orator
Mr. Haliburton's attitude and man-
ner were extremely impressive, earnest
and dignified, and although the
strong propensity of his mind to wit
and humor were often apparent, they
seldom detracted from the seriousness
of his language.

In 1830, at the age of thirty-four,
Haliburton, on being offered a seat
on the Bench, resigned from the
House and became a judge of the
Supreme Court.

He was a man of full and many of the
stories told of his humorous remarks,
often made at the expense of courtiers
arguing before him. On one occasion
a case was being tried before him in
Halifax, when the learned judge
defence counsel by saying, "My Lord, I now trust you will
honourably discharge me, and I will
come here for justice." "Justice,"
quickly replied his lordship, "I
come here, for justice, and I will
come here for justice."

It was in 1839 that Haliburton first
appeared as an author, the historian
of his native province. This work,
which was well received, brought the
author a resolution from the House
of Assembly expressing their appreciation
of his book.

He wrote a series of anonymous let-
ters in the Nova Scotia—then a
flourishing newspaper—concerning
Halifax by that greatest of Nova
Scotians—Joseph Howe. In these let-
ters he made use of the name of
his mouthpiece. So well was this
character received in Canada and the
United States, that the articles were
widely copied, that the articles were
collected and published in England,
where they created the greatest public
and met with instant favor.

In 1846 he retired from the Bench
and moved to England, remaining
there until his death.

In 1850 Haliburton entered British
politics, and on being elected as a
member for Lunenburg he thanked
his constituents "in behalf of four
million of British subjects on the other
side of the water, who up to the
present time, had not one individual
in the House of Commons through
whom they might be heard."

Haliburton, although he absorbed
unwillingly, was able to tell the
world that the colonies—far, in his
own words—"those at home care little
for, and like less, than the colonies."

During his residence in England
"Sam Slick," as he was popularly
called, wrote many books. Among the
most important may be mentioned
"The Attache," "Sam Slick in Eng-
land," "Sam Slick's Wise Saws and
Modern Instances," "The American
at Home," and "The Season Ticket."

The genius of his wit enabled him
to forecast rank amongst the
authors of his day.

In 1855 Judge Haliburton died at
his home in Isleworth, on the banks
of the Thames, and he lies buried in
the churchyard there near to the
grave of the famous navigator Van
Couver.

In the words of a local chronicler:
"The village of Isleworth will hence-
forth be associated with the most
distinguished remembrance of
Haliburton; and the names of Pope,
Cowley, Thompson and Walpole will
find a kindred spirit in the worldwide
reputation of 'Sam Slick,' who, like
them, died on the banks of the
Thames."

A few years ago a well-known Amer-
ican author visited Windsor in or-
der that in the home of the author
"Sam Slick," he might reverently un-
cover his head to that spirit of gen-
ius—a genius who, ever loyal to the
land of his nativity, Nova Scotia is
proud to call her son.

Land Sales Big.

The Dominion Government sales of
pre-emption land during the year
ended 1929, 1930, and 1931, totalled
1,797,890 acres, the total value of
both being \$3,250,000. It may be ob-
served that the proceeds of the pre-
emption land sales are to be ear-
marked for the cost of the con-
struction of the Hudson Bay Railway—
about 800 miles—which is to be built
by the Government.

Announcement

I beg to announce to

the Officers of Western

Municipalities and School

Districts that in future

all negotiations for the

purchase of debentures

shall be carried on in

my own name, and not

in the name of my for-

mer representatives

in Regina, with whom I

have severed connection,

William C. Brent

Canada Life TORONTO

Building...

Unwritten History.

The winter has been sorely disappoint-

ing. It's knocked the interest out of

romance; But possibly the spring that's now on

Will give the old inhabitant a

chance.

Sometimes

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "de

man dat instants on bein' de whole

show an' get much respect for

de feelin' of de audience."

Frenzied Financiering

Columbus Washington Johnson

Smith—Wat's de price er den water-

melons, Mr. Jackson?

Mr. Jackson (cunningly)—Ten cents

er piece an' you pick 'em. 10 cents er

piece an' you pick 'em. Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith—All right, Mr. Jackson.

I guess I'll take 'em all, and you

pick 'em, if you please—Puck.

Pill That is Prized—There have

been many pills put upon the market

and pressed upon public attention,

but none has endured so long or met

with so much favor as Pammel's

Vegetable Pills. Widespread use of

them has attested their great value,

and they need no further establish-

ment than this. Having firmly es-

tablished themselves in public esteem,

they now rank without a peer in the

list of standard vegetable prepara-

tions.

Realizing \$210 in 1905, a malacca

case with silver ivory handle, which

belonged to the late Sir Henry Irving,

was sold for \$150 at Sotheby's in Lon-

don.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff

First Lawyer—I wish I had been liv-

ing in King Solomon's time.

Second Lawyer—Why?

First Lawyer—He had 700 wives.

Think of the divorce business he could

have thrown in my way.—Syracuse

Herald.

If one be troubled with corns and

warts he will find in Holloway's Corn

Cure an application that will entirely

relieve suffering.

Optimism

Solemn Man—Do you hear the clock

slowly ticking? Do you know what

day it is ever bringing nearer?

Cheerful Man—Yes, pay day.—Mel-

bourne Table Talk.

"I can truthfully say

that I believe that, but for

the use of your Emulsion

I would long since have

been in my grave. I was

past work—could not walk

uphill—could not coughing

very hard."

THIS, and much more was

written by Mr. G. W. Hower-

ton's Gap, W. Va. We

would like to send you a full

copy of his letter, or if you

would like to write him direct. His

case was really marvelous,

but is only one of the many

proofs that

Scoll's

Emulsion

is the most strengthening

and re-vitalizing preparation

in the world. Even in the case

of most stubborn of all diseases

(consumption) it does won-

ders, and in less serious

troubles, such as anæmia,

bronchitis, asthma, catarrh,

or loss of flesh from any

cause the effect is much

quicker.

Do not delay. Get a bottle of SCOLL'S

EMULSION—see Mr. HOWER-

TON'S GAP, W. VA.

ALL DRUGGISTS

Let us send you Mr. Hower-

ton's letter and a small

sample of the Emulsion.

Write to Scott & Bowne,

126 Wellington St., Toronto

W. N. U. No. 737.

THE OBJECTION TO JOHN.

It Was Easily Removed When the

Situation Was Explained.

The Gaylords and Nelsons have al-

ways been neighbors and intimate

friends. So when the objection to

twenty-four, as a fine fellow as ever

was, began to see what an altogether

pleasant fellow John Nelson was, he

was naturally no opposition. Indeed,

the "affair" became serious it was

difficult to all, questions of John

Molly themselves, that the parents

concerned were delighted. As yet

there was no formal objection, but

every one knew that it was "un-

derstood, and evening after evening

John talked to Molly on the front

porch, often lingering after the other

Nelsons had retired.

The surprise of the two was con-

sequently great when one evening a

shuffling step was heard in the hall,

and presently Mr. Nelson appeared

in slippers and dressing-gown, can-

dles in hand. Quite evidently he

had gone to town and then got up

for some purpose.

"Why, father, what is the mat-

ter?"

Molly's cheeks were burning, as

her father stood there hesitating

and crying, John, John, John, leav-

ing against the doorpost, where he

had stood for the last fifteen min-

utes, good-night to Molly, and then

he suddenly disappeared into Mr. Nel-

son's gaze.

It was embarrassing all

around. But John is a young man

who goes straight to the point. "Nel-

son?" he began. "Am I to infer

that you object to my being here?"

"No, not exactly," John said.

"Father," cried Molly, quite indig-

nant, "we couldn't have been dis-

turbed if John had been talking

very low!"

"I don't doubt that, my dear," Mr.

Nelson began to explain the situa-

tion. "It's not that, nor have I any

objection to John's talking to you

in private. I haven't a word to say

in the world to John nor to his con-

duct, except—"

"Nelson is open to suspicion of

having prolonged the matter unnec-

essarily at this point.

"Well, people are a little thingy. Mr.

Nelson and I do object seriously, my

dear John, to the habit you seem to

have formed this evening of leaning

against the door-post. Our bedroom

is next to the kitchen, and this con-

tinuous ringing is not conducive to

repose."

THE ATTIC INSTINCT.

Why Some Persons Cling to Things

That Are Rubbish.

The attic instinct hangs on surpris-

ingly, and an observing eye can tell

how many years a person has lived in

the city by merely glancing under

the eaves of their houses. There is

one will contain letters, one scraps

of ribbons and lace—if it's a man's

house, it will contain a broken lock, old

maps, if, besides these, there are

hundreds of old newspapers and old

newspapers, not to mention a bicycle

and a green umbrella that no one

uses in private these are signs of an

attic instinct. If all these things have

been placed under the bed against the

protests of the family, they are pol-

ished every cleaning day and clung to

rough a moving, then their owners

have a little attic instinct. If they

think that there is not the slightest

reason for their being there, they

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Moral & Social Reform League

Interesting Lecture by the Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, B.D., the Travelling Secretary of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League

Mass Meeting will Probably Be Held in the Fall

Rev. W. G. W. Fortune, B.D., travelling secretary of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League, spoke to a large gathering in Knox Church Wednesday evening, the 12th instant, in his usual eloquent and effective style. He gave an interesting account of the progress of temperance sentiment since the early days in Ontario and expressed his strong expectations of even more rapid change in the immediate future.

The platform of the League is a comprehensive one, it being the aim of this patriotic society to suppress many forms of evil which are known to exist in the land contrary to law and to be working sad havoc among the youth.

Much alarm was caused recently by the appalling revolutions regarding the extent of the white slave trade in Canada and the United States. It is not too much to expect that the authorities will take such effective steps as will curb this nefarious traffic.

It has also come to the knowledge of the officials of the league and others that much reading matter of a debasing tendency circulates throughout the country; it is encouraging to be informed that this is being checked. One book which was likely to attain an enormous circulation has been removed from sale; other objectionable printed matter has been confiscated and in some instances the parties who offered them for sale have been punished.

Mr. Fortune expects to return to Taber before autumn when it is anticipated that a mass meeting of citizens will be held and a branch of the League formed.

POETRY

Whan Paw Starts the Kitchen Fire

On them chilly, wintry mornin's
Just before the break o' day,
When the frost's thick on the windows
An' the world's wrapped in gray,
There's a snortin' in Maw's bedroom,
Then some mutterin', an' then higher
Comes Maw's voice in tones decisive,
"Paw, you just start that kitchen fire."

An' Paw puts out unwillin' feet
Upon the cold board floor,
An' strikes a match, it spatters out,
An' awakes, Maw sees "Now, Paw!"
An' purty soon, with one han full
A-keppin' his pants together,
The ol' man wanders out the room
To start the kitchen fire."

There's a rattlin' of the shaker
An' the stove-lids fly about,
Then we hear the ol' man whittlin'
(For the fire has gone plum' out!)
Then we hear the wood a crackin'
An' then roar out some higher
As the ol' man turns the damper
When he starts the kitchen fire."

Then the kitchen door bangs open
An' out o' cat does a scoot,
An' somethin' swaks the door jam,
Soun' a like the ol' man's boot;
An' we kids just snicker quietly
An' pull the bed clo'es higher,
As we listen to the rumpus
When Paw starts the kitchen fire."

Then Paw takes out the ashes
An' comes back on the jump;
Fills the kettle, calls us kids,
An' tells us just to "hump";
An' you can bet we bustle,
For it seems to raise Paw's ire
To get up wintry mornin's
An' start the kitchen fire."

"My wife believes that what is to be will be." "Well?" "And she believes it will be all my fault."

SERPENT OF AESCULAPIUS.

Worship of Snakes Led to Adoption of the Mystical Symbol.

It has been pointed out by Dr. Brundage that the worship of the serpent was as universal in antiquity that all temples came to be known as "dracolina" (serpent houses).

However that may be, serpents were kept in many of the temples of antiquity, notably in those of Apollo, whose son, Aesculapius, is represented in ancient statuary carrying a serpent entwined round a staff or round his arm. The serpent, indeed, came in time to be the special mystical emblem or symbol of the Aesculapian cult.

The serpents of the ancient Greek temples were in all probability relics of that primitive serpent worship which was at one time universal among prehistoric peoples and has not died out among many savage races at the present day.

And "hoodoo," or "voodoo," serpent worship is still said to linger in the West Indies among the descendants of slaves.

In Haiti, especially, where negroes were dumped down from Africa by the old slave traders and were kept in reserve before being sold to masters in the surrounding islands, voodoo has led Roman Catholic missionaries and priests for ages. A French naval officer who visited the court of the Haitian emperor, Henri Christophe, described a voodoo ceremony where cannibalistic and other orgies were indulged in.

It is noticeable that the cock and black goat which were solemnly eaten on this occasion were both of them sacred to Aesculapius. Hence we may infer that the voodoo ceremony was originally an innocent form of voodoo and at the same a primordial religion.

The extreme antiquity of serpent worship seems, indeed, to be hinted at in Genesis, where the devil appears in the guise of the snake god intent on the ruin of man. In the story of the bronze serpent healing qualities are attributed to the image.—Lancet.

A PECULIAR SPIDER.

He Catches Birds as Big as Larks in His Mammoth Web.

Far up in the mountains of Ceylon there is a spider that spins a web like light yellowish silk, the central net of which is five feet in diameter, while the supporting lines, or guys, as they are called, measure sometimes ten or twelve feet, and, rising quickly in the early morning, you may dash right into it, the stout threads twining round your face like a lace veil, while, as the creature that has woven it takes up his position in the middle, he generally catches you right in the nose, and, though he seldom bites or stings, the contact of his large body and long legs is anything but pleasant. If you forget yourself and try to catch him, bite he will, and, though not venomous, his jaws are as powerful as a bird's beak, and you are not likely to forget the encounter.

The bodies of these spiders are very handsomely decorated, being bright gold or scarlet underneath, while the upper part is covered with the most delicate slate color. So strong are the webs that birds the size of larks are frequently caught therein, and even the small but powerful scorpion is not immune. A writer says that he has often sat and watched the yellow monster—measuring, when waiting for his prey, with his legs stretched out, fully six inches—striding across the middle of the net and noted the rapid manner in which he winds his stout threads round the unfortunate captive.

He usually throws the coils about the head until the wretched victim is first blinded and then choked. In many unfrequented dark nooks of the jungle you can across most perfect skeletons of small birds caught in these terrible snares.

Wiolet Ink the Cheapest.

"Look here, you, a literary man can't afford the extravagance of violet ink."

The literary man took thoughtfully a slender piece of leather from the sole of his shoe.

"I know," he admitted, "that violet ink costs three as much as black, but black corrodes a pen in a week, whereas violet is noncorrosive, and with its use it is possible to make one pen last six or seven months. The late 'Inkwell Sage' who used violet ink exclusively in his office, revealed this great truth to me during my brief career here in his office."—Exchange.

Didn't Want to Be Singular.

It was in the drawing room after dinner that they discussed an absent mutton friend's last points with the usual grin and scathing glee. Having thoroughly dissected her personal appearance, they next paid attention to her mental shortcomings.

"She is a very singular girl," spoke the one.

"Yes, indeed," responded her companion. "But, then, that is not her fault, for I never saw a girl so anxious to be plural!"—Argonaut.

Where Pat Made a Mistake.

"Oh," soliloquized Mrs. Casey, "some van told me husband, Pat, that he'd have his pants pressed by lettin' 'em steam roller run over them; an' Pat told 'em 'bout it."

"Well, why do ye cry?" asked the friend, Mrs. Garity.

"Oh," wailed the wife, "Pat forgot to take 'em pants off first!"—Judge.

One Advantage.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is the difference between genius and humanity?

Pa—The lunatic, my son, is to see out of his head and corpse.—Exchange.

PSYCHIC FORCES.

Their Existence Proved, Yet Scientists Cannot Grasp Them.

"I have seen enough to make me believe in Solmes's fourth dimension, but I don't. My mind is so constructed that such wonders as we meet in sources produce very little effect on me. They are as normal to me now as the popping of corn or the rousing of potatoes. But as for belief—well, that is not a matter of the will, but of evidence, and the evidence is not yet sufficient to bring me to any definite conclusion. In fact, in the broad day and especially the second day after I have been through one of these experiences I begin to doubt my senses. Richet speaks of this curious recession of belief and admits his own inability to retain the conviction that at the moment of the phenomenon was complete. 'No sooner is the sitting over than my doubts come swarming back upon me,' he says. 'The real world which surrounds us, with its prejudices, its scheme of habitual opinions, holds us in so strong a grip that we are scarcely free ourselves completely. Certainly does not follow on demonstration, but on habit.'"

Maxwell says, "I believe in these phenomena, but I see no need to attribute them to any supernatural intervention. I am inclined to think they are produced by some force within our selves." Just what he means by that I can't precisely explain. It's harder to understand than the spirit hypothesis. He goes on to say that, while he is certain that we are in the presence of an unknown force, he is convinced that the phenomena will ultimately be found orderly, like all other facts of nature. "Some future Newton will discover a more complete formula than ours," he prophesies. "Every natural fact should be studied and, if it be real, incorporated in the patrimony of knowledge." He then adds, with the true scientist's humble acknowledgment of the infinite reach of the unexplored universe, "Our knowledge is very limited and our experience young."

—Hannah Garland in Everybody's Magazine.

CUBE ROOT.

Do You Know The Method of Extracting It Without Pain?

Think of the inestimable value of knowledge how to extract cube root. Ah, there is the priceless boon! Knowing that has saved us money many a time, to say nothing of the social blunders it has assisted us to avoid. Do I know yet how it is done? Certainly. I know it just as well as if it were yesterday that I studied it. You take the number whose cube root is required, and if it be not an exact cube, you divide it by 100, and divide it out into periods of three figures each. Write 431.44 to the left, multiply that by 300, divide it by something, then your some red ink on your handkerchief, tell teacher you have the number and go home.

That's the way I usually did it. No doubt it is done much the same way by the ingenious youth of the present generation.

In there a successful man living today and holding up his head among other successful men who cannot patently extract the cube root without giving the number an anaesthetic. If so, he should be ashamed of himself. He is a freckle and he attained distinction by a fluke. Some day the muck rakers will get to probing around, and when they discover that he can't extract the cube root of anything his career will be ended and his gray hairs will sink in sorrow to a disheveled, jumpy grown grave. The jails and asylums are filled with vacant faced and craven hearted wretches who never learned the way to remove a cube root, no matter if the number containing it was threatened with blood poison. They don't know whether to run a horsehair loop down his throat, as in the case of guinea, or whether to use tweezers.

Let us try to impress upon our children by present—the importance of cube root extraction, but let us have business elsewhere in case they ask us to show them how.—Strickland W. Gillilan in Chicago News.

A Genuine Grouch.

A certain farmer noted for constant complaining was met by a friend one morning.

"Fine weather, James," said the latter.

"For them as ain't got to work," was the response.

"Your farm looks in fine condition,"

"To them's as ain't got to dig in it."

"Well, James, I'm glad your wife's better."

"Them as don't have to live with her may be!"—London Family Herald.

The Rubicon.

The Rubicon was the small stream separating ancient Italy from Cisalpine Gaul, the province which had been allotted to Caesar. When Caesar crossed this stream at the head of an armed force he passed beyond the limits of his own province and legally became an invader of Italy.

Merely a Sample.

"What is the matter, little boy?" asked the professor. "Have you the measles?"

"Nope," answered the boy. "I've got the measles. They're only one of 'em."

"That's singular!" mused the professor.

Sign of Precocity.

First Magazine Editor—I believe my youngest is cut out for an editor. Second Editor—Why so? First Editor—Everything he gets his hands on he ruins and throws into the wastebasket.

MRS. VIXENHEAD.

The Story of a Berlin Shrew and Her Likeness in Stone.

This quaint equivalent of the German term *ussekop* is applied by travelers to an eddy carved in stone and fixed in a niche in the second story of a house in the Heiligengrabenstrasse, a Berlin street far from the emperor's palace. The ussekop represents a wicked, hairy faced woman with unkempt curls and tongue protruding in a mocking derision.

One day some 200 years ago, the legend runs, Frederick William of Prussia, more familiarly known as Old Fritz, was walking about the streets of the city in the unconventional way he affected when he chanced to look through a window and observed a hunchbacked goldsmith hard at work. The king entered the little shop for a chat.

The result of his interview was an order for a gold table service for the royal household, an order that made the fortune of the hunchback. Later his majesty made other visits to the shop to see how the work was advancing, and on one of these occasions he observed a woman in the window of the opposite house contorting her face in the most hideous grimaces and pointing with derisive finger at the rippled workman.

To the king's query as to what ailed her, the old woman the goldsmith replied: "It is envy, sire. She is the wife of a rival goldsmith, and ever since your majesty so graciously gave me this order she and her daughter have reviled me."

Frederick William, paternal in punishment as well as in reward, at once investigated as to the ownership of the house in which the shrew lived. He found that it belonged to her husband and therefore ascertained that there was little likelihood of the family moving, an idea that seemed greatly to please his majesty. His next move was to consult a sculptor, which he commanded to make the bust of a woman with the most shrewish, Xantippe-like face he could imagine. The "shrew" himself, however, remained in the house in which the hunchback had his workshop, presented it to him and added the bust to be placed conspicuously above the workroom window. Thus whenever the envious woman across the street looked forth from her apartment the first object on which her eyes fell was this intended portrait of her amiable self.

For more than a hundred years the ussekop—spiteful vixen head, as one would say in English—stood in proud prominence, a reproach to the envious woman and her descendants. It afterward mysteriously disappeared, but in 1840 or thereabouts got the bones of a forgotten collection of bric-a-brac. Frederick William IV. bought the bust for a large price and had it replaced in its original niche, where it stands today.

The Senate Band.

The press gallery of the senate does not look unlike a band stand, with its elaborately decorated front, and it is never occupied by the scribbles prior to the opening of the proceedings. A young lady seated in the gallery opposite the press gallery had been looking intently at the empty seats for quite awhile. Her curiosity got the better of her, and, going to the doorkeeper, she said, "Mister, will you please tell me when the band begins to play?" The doorkeeper was amazed. "No band will play, miss," said the gentleman. "There is no band. Why do you ask?" The young lady looked disappointed and embarrassed when she said, with hesitation, "Isn't that the band stand?" pointing to the press gallery.—Washington Herald.

Bray's Mythical Vicar.

It is curious to reflect that there are scattered about the world many scores of places whose chief claim to distinction consists in their association with some famous ditty or other. Take, for example, the village of Bray, in Berkshire, always associated with the world famous "Vicar of Bray." The most curious part of the business is that, though Fuller, in his "Worthies of England," asserts that the cleric who is the hero of the song was one Simon Alleyne, careful search of the parish registers has failed to substantiate the story.—London Musical House Journal.

A Strenuous Task.

"Your honor," said the witness, "can't you order a recess?"

"A recess?"

"Yes, sir. I've stood on this stand and told the whole truth two hours on a stretch, and I've mentally wore out. I never told the truth that long before—not in all my life!"

Shattered Hopes.

He anxiously—I understand your father speaks very highly of me? She—Yes, but he doesn't mean a word of it. He—Are you sure of that? She—Certainly. He does it just to torment mother.

An Eyewitness.

"Have you any witnesses of the accident?" asked the Brentford county court judge recently.

"Yes," was the reply, "my uncle. He is not here because he is blind."—London Telegraph.

Take Care of the Pennies, Etc.

"Make anything on that deal?" Gobs on Golde inquired.

"Only a million," Mydus gloomily replied.

"Well, every million counts."

Grief should be like joy—majestic, equable, sedate.—Auray de Vere.

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